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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/608,423	KHASIDASHVILI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 5/15/2006 and interview conducted on 5/24/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-25,27, wherein claims 1-8,26 have been cancelled and claims 9-10,27,11-23,25,24 have been renumbered as 1-18 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action responds to Applicant's amendment filed on 5/15/2006 and interview conducted on 5/24/2006. Claims 9-25,27 are pending, wherein claims 1-8,26 have been cancelled. Claims 9-25,27 have been examined and are allowed, wherein claims 9,20,22-24,25 are subjected to the following Examiner's Amendment.

Drawings

2. As indicated previously, the drawings received on 11/14/2003 have been approved by the Examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David C. Oren (Reg. No. 38,694) on 5/24/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

As per **claim 9**, "latch functions" (line 3) has been replaced with --the latches--;
"and" (line 3) has been deleted;
"." (line 4) has been replaced with --; and--
--verifying equivalence of a circuit using the computed TBED.-- has been inserted on a separate line after line 4.

As per **claim 20**, "and" (line 3) has been deleted;
--, and verifying equivalence of a circuit using the computed TBED-- has been inserted
after "format" (line 4).

As per **claim 22**, "program product" (line 1) has been replaced with --readable
media having program code embedded therein, the program code--;
"and" (line 3) has been deleted;
"." (line 5) has been replaced with --; and--
--code that verifies equivalence of a circuit using the computed TBED.-- has been
inserted on a separate line after line 5.

As per **claim 23**, "program product" (line 1) has been replaced with --readable
media--.

As per **claim 24**, "program product" (line 1) has been replaced with --readable
media--.

As per **claim 25**, "program product" (line 1) has been replaced with --readable
media--.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 9-25,27** are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per **claims 9-25,27**, the Office Action mailed on 10/6/2005 sets forth the
patentability of Applicant's claimed invention, wherein as previously indicated, the
independent claims 9, 20,22, from which the claims depend respectively, recite the
method/system/computer readable media comprising the inventive steps/means/code

for listing/placing the latches in a predetermined order in combination with the representing, computing and verifying steps/means/code as claimed, which corresponds to Applicant's specification, paragraph [14], page 4 to paragraph [51], page 14, (see especially page 11, paragraph [41]), which the prior arts made of record failed to teach or suggest. Furthermore, although **Prasad et al.** (U.S. Patent No. 7,032,192, see especially col. 2, line 60 to col. 3, line 52 and col. 4, lines 3-37) teaches the use of the ordered set of latches for equivalence verification, such verification is not based on computed TBED as claimed and therefore would not be obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the prior arts made of record to arrive at Applicant's claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner's amendment as given above removes all of the 35 U.S.C. 101 problems, raised by the Examiner, and further made the claims more clear. Accordingly, the claimed invention is novel and un-obvious over the prior arts made of record.

Conclusion

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phallaka Kik whose telephone number is 571-272-1895. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-7PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Chiang can be reached on 571-272-7483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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